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SITUATION INFORMATION REPORT

The radical community in San Diego is already starting to plan their strategy for the GOP Convention next August 21-23. The principal organization involved is the San Diego Convention Coalition which is headed by local state college activist Bill Ritter. The core of the coalition is a group of about 80 young local radicals who are active in San Diego "movement" organizations. The SDCC is organized to coordinate demonstrations during the convention period.

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In January, two shots were fired into a residence which houses the Ocean Beach Collective as well as the headquarters of the SDCC. One of the residents Peter G. Bohmer, an economics professor at San Diego State College, has been the subject of numerous right-wing attacks and last month faced dismissal charges for discriminating against conservative students. A radical conservative group calling itself the "Secret Army Organization" recently distributed a leaflet in San Diego accusing Bohmer of "treason." The shooting came several days after the leaflet was distributed. Reportedly, some radicals think the gunfire was aimed at Mr. Bohmer while others think the attack was primarily on the SDCC headquarters. Wounded in the attack was Paula Tharp, a spokeswoman for the coalition. The shooting has not deterred radical activists who insist that they want a peaceful convention as much as the city does. Pam Cole one of the organizers stated "If the demonstrations aren't nonviolent, then people will be afraid to come." Even though recent large-scale demonstrations in Washington and elsewhere have fizzled, organizers feel the San Diego protests will attract a huge crowd of people determined to show their opposition to the Nixon administration. *NYT 10/7-71*

The tentative plans of the anti-convention actions are:

1. A mass march on the Republican Convention is scheduled to be held at the San Diego Sports Arena to protest the war in Vietnam.
2. Formulation of a "People's Platform" to be presented to the GOP Convention with the demand that all rules and procedures

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be suspended and consideration be given to the platform presented by the SDGC.

3. Follow-up demonstrations on the succeeding two-days by individual interest groups.

4. An exposition to be called "Expose '72," including exhibits on the airwar in Indochina, Chicano and black movements, health care, and women movements.

5. Before the convention, efforts will be made to circulate a petition seeking 100,000 signatures of residents opposing San Diego as the convention site. It is intended that the petition will be transmitted to the White House.

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This following statement has been approved by the coalition for circulation:

We, the people of San Diego, are faced with many problems:

We are being forced to spend our tax money to host the Republican Convention. No one asked us if we wanted to do this.

The majority of San Diegans want peace yet the massive air war over Indochina continues. None of us thinks the war is "winding down" when we see aircraft carriers leave for Vietnamese waters.

We are suffering from unemployment and those of us who can find work have our inadequate wages controlled. Meanwhile, prices continue to rise and corporate profits soar.

In our minority communities, we are faced with the manifestations of the ill-fated Nixon policies; crime, drug abuse, police brutality and poverty are still rampant with no solution in sight.

Women continue to be the victims of discrimination and oppression and as a result suffer even greater social and economic exploitation than men.

We need such things as decent housing, adequate medical care, child care, and a clean environment. We are tired of being deceived by politicians who fail to fulfill their promises.

We feel that the policies of the leadership of the Republican Party do not meet the needs of most of the

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people of the U.S. Therefore, we are opposed to the coming of the Republican Convention to San Diego.

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The residents of San Diego are concerned over the Convention because they fear, another Chicago where 10, 000 young political demonstrators engaged in violent confrontation with Chicago police during the Democratic Convention in 1968. San Diego has applied for a federal grant of \$920, 287 to implement much of its convention security and police preparedness training.

Members of the Community Congress, a newly formed militant group which has grown out of a largely successful local drug abuse and counseling coalition, plan to use the GOP Convention to call attention to a need for federal funding for free drug clinics, ex-convict rehabilitation agencies, halfway houses for runaways and unmarried pregnant girls, and a criminal justice reform task force.

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**CALENDAR OF TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES**

Asterisked items are either reported for the first time, or contain additions or changes to previously reported activities.

Present to end of trial, Harrisburg, Pa.

Twelve jurors have been selected to serve on the jury in the trial of Philip Berrigan and 6 other antiwar activists. However, the quest for 6 alternate jurors continues. *Wed Post 12 Feb 72*

The Harrisburg Defense Committee has scheduled demonstrations during the trial. Vigils will be organized every Sunday at 7:30 p. m. at the Dauphin County Prison. The committee will produce a television program over a local TV network each week on Friday at 9:30 p. m. entitled "The Issue is Peace." Governor Shapp of Pennsylvania has directed the State Supply Department to furnish portable public address equipment to demonstrators at the Dauphin County Jail and at another location to be designated by the Harrisburg Defense Committee.

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Committee chapters have advised that a "Pilgrimage for Freedom" will be held during the 40 days of Lent as part of future demonstrations in support of the "Harrisburg 8." The first 30 days of the "Pilgrimage" will be characterized by activities sponsored by local organizations in cities throughout the northeast section of the US. During the final 10 days caravans from Boston, New York City,

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Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, D. C., Pittsburgh, and Milwaukee will proceed to Harrisburg to gain publicity for the defendants and to obtain funds for their defense. FBI IN 721704 25 Jan 72

\*15 February-2 April, New York City (Lent)

The New York City Harrisburg Defense Committee has instituted a "40-Day Committee" headquartered at the Henry Hudson Hotel. The "40-Day Committee" will coordinate 40 days of "Resistance to Death" demonstrations beginning at 12 noon on Ash Wednesday at New York's Foley Square. At 10 a. m. on 16 February a "Pageant of Resistance" will begin and reportedly attempts will be made to deface target institutions with handprints made from the ashes of burnt documents originating in the various target institutions. Beginning on Sunday the twentieth of February one week will be spent demonstrating against each of the following target organizations:

20-26 February--The Tombs Jail.

27 February-4 March--Selective Service System and the Department of HEW.

5-11 March-- Internal Revenue Service (to be directed by the New York City War Tax Resistance).

12-18 March--Trinity Church (reason for selecting this church unknown.)

19-25 March--Federal Courthouse.

The above locations have been selected because of their proximity to Foley Square involving a minimal distance for participants to travel. In addition to demonstrations scheduled above, every Monday evening at 9 p. m. public meetings will be held at Saint Clements Church, 423 West 46th St. In a direct effort to ridicule indictments brought against the Harrisburg conspirators, planners of the public meetings claim that during the Monday evening sessions participants will conspire to commit identical crimes to those with which the "Harrisburg 8" have been charged. Reportedly, the national office of the Catholic Peace Fellowship is in the forefront of planning the New York City demonstrations. FBI IN 535918 11 Feb 72

\*19-21 February, Detroit, Michigan and San Francisco, California

The Progressive Labor Party, a pro-Chinese Communist group, is sponsoring worker workshops in San Francisco and Detroit on the above dates. This conference will deal with strategy for obtaining a shorter work week and ways to develop closer working relationships with union members based on a program of personal contact in order to be of greater influence in union decisions. FBI IN 34764 12.16.72

\*19-22 February, New York City

The Communist Party district conventions reportedly have been discussing the major social and political issues to be considered at the 20th National Convention to be held on the above dates. One highlight of the convention will be an International Solidarity Day rally on Saturday February 19 at 1 p.m. at Town Hall (43rd Sts. between 6th and 7th Avenues). The key speakers at the rally will be Gus Hall, Communist Party candidate for president and Jarvis Tyner, candidate for vice president. Danny Rubin the Party's organizational secretary announced that 275 delegates and alternates from 34 states are expected including activists and leaders in the antiwar movement, the movement to free imprisoned Angela Davis, the housing, welfare, and child care movements, and the liberation movements of the Black, Chicano, and Puerto Rican peoples. Many international guests will be present. FBI IN 331795-1 11.6.72

\*20 February-August, Nationwide

The Peoples Coalition for Peace and Justice which is under the influence of the Communist Party USA announced recently a calendar of events for forthcoming months.

.20 February--Demonstration at Andrews Air Force Base in Washington, the day President Nixon leaves for Peking, urging him to "Go to Paris" to set a date for U.S. withdrawal from Indochina. Support actions will be held in other parts of the country.

2 April--Culmination of the Harrisburg Pilgrimage, a series of actions protesting the war and repression of political dissent. Party would... 12.16.72

15 April--Local demonstrations across the country protesting the use of tax money for continuation of war while pressing domestic needs are neglected.

Early May (dates to be announced)--Local actions, ranging from legal, peaceful marches to nonviolent civil disobedience. The focus will be on corporate involvement in the production of anti-personnel and other weaponry used in the war in Indochina.

July and August -Massive presence at the Democratic National Convention in Miami and the Republican National Convention in San Diego.

The national coordinating committee meeting of PCPJ made a decision to form two distinct groups to form protest demonstrations at sites of speeches of key political figures during the upcoming political campaign. The first group will be composed of working people who will need at least one week's notice in advance, to prepare for demonstrations. The second group will consist of nonworking radicals who can form demonstrations on short notice. In order to have both groups perform effectively PCPJ is presently searching for President Nixon's speaking itinerary.

\*25-28 February, New York City

The Student Mobilization Committee to End the War in Southeast Asia (formerly to End the War in Vietnam) is presently the nation's largest student antiwar organization. The Student Mobe which is controlled by the Trotskyite Socialist Workers Party and its youth group, the Young Socialist Alliance, has participated in virtually every antiwar action in recent years and true to the image of the masters has embraced the single-issue strategy (i.e. the war). The Student Mobe will sponsor a National Student Antiwar Conference in New York in late February. Student Mobe leaders again hope for mass participation on the high school and college campuses throughout the nation in "teach-ins" and assemblies designed to rekindle an antiwar sentiment. Due to a variety of factors, success will be scant at best. The Student Mobe, not unexpectedly, has recently endorsed planned demonstrations by the National Peace Action Coalition at New York and Los Angeles in late April. The NPAC is also controlled by the SWP.

\*26 February, Baltimore, Maryland

A caucus of Maryland's black elected officials, leaders of black organizations and other representatives of the state's 800,000 Negroes is planned on the above date. The purpose of the meeting is to elect Maryland's allotted 134 delegates who will represent Maryland Negroes at the National Black Convention scheduled for March 10-12 in Gary.

Indiana. The national convention was called by black leaders to discuss political strategy for the election of 1972 and beyond.

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\*27 February, Oakland, California

A "Vietnam Veteran's Appreciation Night" has been scheduled at the Oakland Coliseum on the above date. The Vietnam Veterans Against the War have indicated that they may demonstrate during the activities.

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\*March (date unknown), San Diego

The Non-Violent Action Group sponsored a demonstration on 4 February to protest the anticipated departure of the aircraft carrier USS Kittyhawk. The departure date of the ship from San Diego to Southeast Asia has not been announced but is reportedly scheduled for March. The NVA group was formed last year by antiwar activists including Joan Baez and her husband David Harris who were persistent but failed in their efforts to prevent the sailing of the aircraft carrier Constellation in early October 1971.

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\*March, (date unknown), Fort Ord, California

The murder trial of Pvt. Billy Smith, a black soldier charged with killing an officer in Vietnam by "fragging" is scheduled to begin some time in March. The trial is expected to elicit demonstrations with both antiwar and racial overtones.

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March-August, Nationwide

The Youth International Party (YIP) the militant hippie group, recently announced their scheduled activities:

March 18-26--A nationwide voter registration drive which they will call "Spring Freak Week."

May 1-2--In each state capitol a marijuana smoke-in will be conducted to protest the anti-marijuana law to be followed by marches to local area prisons.

July 1-3--A National Tribal Conference to be held at Washington.

July 4--A marijuana smoke-in will be held at the Washington Monument and followed by a march to the U.S. Capitol.

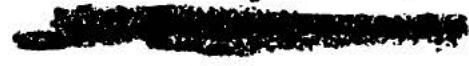
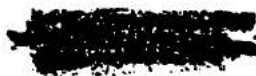
July 27-31--Demonstrations will be conducted to show politicians that unless the demands of youth are met the 1972 Presidential election will be boycotted.

August 1-20--A "grapes of wrath" caravan will proceed to San Diego.

August 21-24--Demonstrations to be held in San Diego.

Additional details will be reported as they become available.

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\*3-5 March, Stony Brook, New York

An upstate New York underground newspaper entitled "Red Balloon" has scheduled a nationwide conference at the State University of New York on the above dates to form a widely based radical left organization. A spokesman for the newspaper has asked young people from collectives, caucuses, veteran's groups, day-care centers, communes, coffeehouses, and food conspiracies to attend the 3-day conference for discussions and workshops from which they hope to build a new organization opened to all levels and strategies to the left of electoral politics.

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\*4 March, Los Angeles

The Committee of the Arts to Free Angela Davis will sponsor a fund-raising jazz festival at the Shrine Auditorium on the above date.

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\*10-12 March, Gary, Indiana

The Congressional Black Caucus and other elected Negro officials and civil rights leaders have announced plans to hold the first National Black Political Convention on the above dates.

The caucus has elected Rep. Louis Stokes, D-Ohio, as its new chairman, replacing Rep. Charles C. Diggs, Jr. of Michigan whom some members considered too conservative as a leader. Diggs stated at a news conference that he had advised the caucus several weeks ago that he would not seek re-election as caucus chairman because he was too busy with foreign affairs duties.

The announced purpose of the Gary Convention is to discuss the political positions blacks should take this year and to "crystallize a black agenda" of needs that will be presented to the Democratic and Republican National Conventions this summer. The Black Caucus has not endorsed any presidential candidate, though one of its members Rep. Shirley Chisholm (D-N. Y.) is a candidate.

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\*25 March, Washington, D.C.

A national coalition of welfare reform, antiwar and women's liberation groups announced its scheduled "Children's March for Survival" on the above date. Dr. George A. Wiley executive director of the National Welfare Rights Organization said similar protest marches would be held that day in other U.S. cities. Wiley estimated that "tens of thousands of children and their concerned parents" will participate, and 20 key eastern cities would be canvassed for supporters to attend the Washington demonstration. The demonstration will protest the Nixon administration welfare policies. The coalition opposes the

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**Welfare Reform Bill** known as HR-1 which has been passed by the House. The bill includes a Family Assistance Plan, setting a \$2400 minimum income for families of four and provisions for custodial care of children between the ages of 3 and 6 which NWRO and other groups consider inadequate. The group's representatives include the People United to Save Humanity, Peoples Party, National Women's Political Caucus, Women's Strike for Peace, National Council of Negro Women, National Indian Youth Council, and the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. *W. G. T. - 9/10/72*

The technique of using young children to advance radical causes has not experienced spectacular success in recent years. There is, however, a "newsworthy" quality in press photos of tykes carrying protest placards that will almost guarantee media coverage far in excess of the size and importance of the demonstration.

\*25 March-15 May, Nationwide

The 1200 delegates (147 Americans including Jane Fonda) attending the recently concluded Communist-sponsored international assembly on Indochina at Versailles, France, pledged to support protest plans of the American groups for a 7-week campaign to press for an end to the war on the terms proposed by North Vietnam and the Vietcong. The Versailles resolutions brushed aside President Nixon's 8-point peace plan as "hypocritical and fallacious." The delegates have agreed to support the following demonstrations:

25 March--The National Welfare Rights Organization's "children's march" in Washington, D. C.

1 April--A major demonstration in Harrisburg, Pa. to support Philip Berrigan and 6 other antiwar activists.

1 April--A demonstration in San Jose, California to support Angela Davis.

15 April--Nationwide demonstrations to protest payment of federal income taxes.

22 April--Major mass rallies and demonstrations in New York City and Los Angeles to protest the war and for withdrawal of all troops from Indochina.

1-15 May--A series of rallies and acts of civil disobedience planned at Federal buildings and companies with defense contracts.

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The last item above may have direct consequences for CIA facilities. This office will be alert for additional details expected to appear in radical and underground media in coming weeks.

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